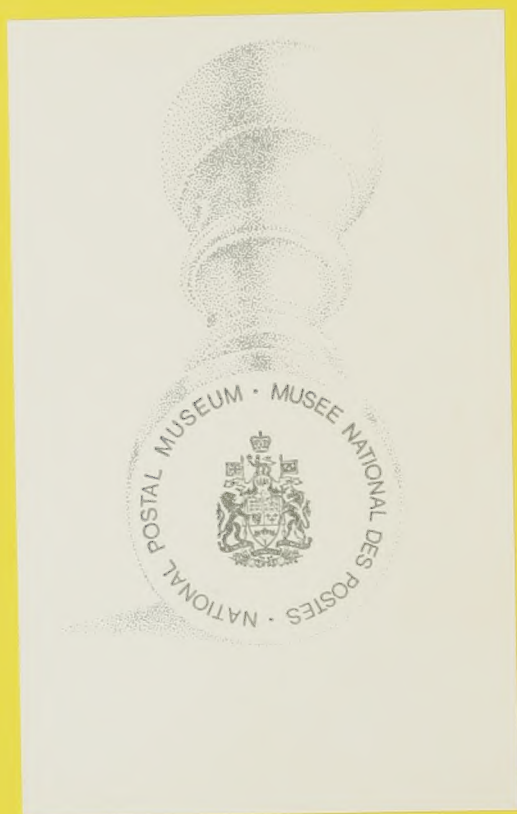


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" 6c pink, new	15
New Brunswick 1c lilac	8
" 17c black	17
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WHY SOME STAMPS WERE ISSUED.

Most stamp collectors seem to have no knowledge of the reason for certain stamps having been issued, which should be one of the special studies of collecting. Of course every stamp was issued for a purpose, but some varieties may call for special mention. Canada has produced several oddities of this kind, notable among which are the 2 cents issued in 1864, also the same denomination of New Brunswick, 1861, and Nova Scotia, 1862, all of which were struck off to pre-pay soldiers letters to Great Britain (who had been sent to Canada in 1862, on the occasion of the Slidell Mason affair.) Another Canadian stamp was the 12 pence, black, which, as most collectors know is almost unique in rarity, was struck off to do duty for postage to India, is said by some officials in government circles to have been issued in error, as the postage at that time was only ten pence.

The 17 cents Canadian, 1859, was struck for postage to India, also the 12½ cents of the same year was issued expressly for letters to Great Britain. The stamps of Prince Edward Island, for their odd denominations might cause collectors to imagine that they were issued for some special service, but we have never heard of such.

The 8½ cents Nova Scotia was issued for letters to Newfoundland.

The 13 cents Newfoundland was issued for letters to Great Britain. These are the principal varieties issued

in Canada for postage out of the usual run.

The United States have issued a few denominations for special service: the 24 and 90 cent of various issues are an odd figure; the 7 cent of 1870 was a value placed on postage to Germany for letters. The official stamps were issued for the use of the various departments they represented, and could not be used by any outside parties which is the cause of the great rarity of some of the department denominations such as Executive and high value State.

The Executive stamps were used by the President, and Vice-President of the United States: therefore, philatelists having used specimens have not only a philatelic treasure, but have also a historical relic.

The Australian colonies have issued very few stamps for any special duty, and with the exception of a very few European, very few exist outside of America.

In fact economical postage for specified countries seems to be peculiar to America as regards odd values. Most of these stamps are noticeably scarce and should be made as great a study of as any other.

IRREVOCABLE.

To write in haste and repent at leisure is the experience of many an impetuous correspondent, who is ignorant or oblivious of the rule that at a letter once posted can never be taken out of the box, that it becomes the property

of the postmaster-general until it is delivered. The reports give many instances of the painful results of haste and carelessness: "On one occasion a gentlemanly-looking person called and expressed a fear that he had enclosed two letters in wrong envelopes, and that all his prospects in life depended on his having his letters back, and correcting the mistake; inasmuch as they revealed plans which he had adopted to save two mercantile houses in the same line of business, whose interests clashed at every point." A similar blunder occurred in a more delicate affair, when a young lady was most urgent to have her letters returned as she had accepted the wrong offer of marriage.

The local postmaster was unable to resist her earnest entreaties, and thus prevented a painful catastrophe. But a whole romance might be written on the following incident:—

A young lady, who had been engaged to a prosperous young manufacturer, was informed, a few days before the marriage was fixed for, that the firm was insolvent. Not a moment was to be lost, and a letter was written and posted, breaking the engagement; when, within two hours, it was discovered that the report was entirely unfounded.

The report continues: The daughter with her parents rushed to the post-office, and no words can describe the scene—the appeals, the tears, the wringing of hands, the united entreaties of the family, to have the fatal letter restored, but, alas! all was vain, the rule admitted of no exception."

NATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS DISPLAYED IN POSTAGE STAMPS.

The qualities of a nation like those of an individual are very often indicated

to the world at large, by the manner in which such nation does an action. It is not at all likely that the same national characteristic would be displayed in every action but in every action something characteristic of the nation could be discovered. Give \$20 each to a Scotchman, a Frenchman and an American and tell them to go and buy themselves a suit of clothes. Sandy would come back with a grey or brown suit of strong material that would last him five years. The representative of France would probably return with a dress suit of inferior quality which would dazzle the eyes of the beholder on first sight but which in a few weeks would present a decidedly "have seen better days" appearance. The American would very likely rejoice in a coat which, buttoned up would present a neat business appearance but which unbuttoned would reveal a breadth of glistening shirt bosom which would grace any drawing room. In this small matter of dress we have examples of national characteristics. The canny Scotchman, the improvident happy-go-luck Frenchman and the versatile American. So when nations are placed in contrast, we can generally see a proclivity of its people in every detail in any certain line of conduct. To my mind many nations have certain of their qualities exhibited in their postage stamps.

Take for instance the United States of America, we find there that one issue of stamps succeeds another with lightning rapidity. We scarcely become familiar with one set of stamps when, lo! the scene is changed and a new set of actors come rushing, a La Francis Wilson, upon the stage, yet the federal government have nothing to gain by so often having a change of stamps. Instead of pecuniary gain there is a considerable loss. Every new set of dies cost some thousands of dollars, and if the dies are cast aside after having served

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only half the time they were capable of rendering efficient service there is a clear loss of 50% of the cost of the plates. Yet Uncle Sam is not a reckless financier nor is it to be imagined for a moment that this long, lean, starred and striped, plug-hatted gentleman has any desire to interest the great army of philatelists who boast of the United States as their home, by amusing them by a new issue of stamps every year or two. No, the U.S. is one of the few American countries not controlled, postally by Mr Seebeck. The action of the American Union with regard to her stamps is very characteristic of the American people. There must be a continual change of programme or else the performance becomes monotonous. The United States is a country of advancement; it should progress; everything different from old styles is tried. If it happens to be a success all well and good, if the undertaking is found to be a failure, then it is dropped like a hot potato and its former promoter rushes into something else. In no country in the world do styles in everything change so quickly. In dress this is very noticeable as also in politics. One year a city or state goes Democratic by a large majority, within a year that majority is turned into an equally large Republican majority. In business it is the same way, to-day a pauper, to-morrow a prince. To express it shortly there is nothing conservative about our American cousins: "variety is the spice of life," and they have adhered to this rule even in their postage stamps.

I will make one exception to what I have just said about there being nothing conservative about the States. They are conservative in one thing, their patriotism. In the mind of the average American there is no place in the skies above, the earth beneath, or the waters under the earth like their beloved "land of the free." These sentiments have been beautifully portrayed by paintings in the shape of stamps which have twice

been placed on exhibition once at the time of the Centennial in 1876, and again at the time of the Columbian celebration. The postal art exhibition of the latter period was hardly superior to the one in 1876 although the pictures were larger and there were more entries. But we do not have to wait twenty years between each sign of the great patriotism of our southern friends. We have only to look at their stamps to see the photographs of a number of men from Washington down who have been instrumental in placing that country in the proud position which she to-day occupies. On her stamps as upon the hearts of her people, are engraved such American heroes as Washington, Lincoln, Grant, Garfield and numerous others. Perhaps some day with these will be associated the handsome "boy orator of the Platte," William Jennings Bryan.

But I fear that I have spent too much time among by-gone Americans and too little among their portraits as represented by stamps and so without further comment will turn my attention to Canada. If the United States have been too fast Canada has been too slow as is shown by our conservative tendency, as represented by our stamps, to let well enough alone. For twenty years Canada has developed but little and for about the same length of time we have been using the same stamps. Canada is quite content with her dear old Queen and so we still have her sweet face on our stamps. Years ago we had for a short time a likeness of H. R. H the Prince Consort. But we soon returned to Her Majesty, and it is the wish of every good Canadian that our stamps will long bear her image.

Turning to Great Britain we find solid substantial old England represented in every stamp. She needs no gaudy colors to tell the world that the sun never sets on her Dominions. With the exception of one issue, the Jubilee,

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that such a paper would not pay and consequently we are not going to try it.

Then with regard to the length of time over which we expect the publication of this paper to extend. Most stamp papers in their initial number besides announcing that the editor's effort is the result of the wishes of the great majority of the devotees of philately for a really first class paper, give such information as would lead one to believe that as long as a new moon shines down on the world each month so long would their periodicals continue to shine forth each month, to light the steps of the followers of our goddess. If we are refused second class rates by the post office department we will never see our first moon but will probably see stars instead. If in the opinion of the post office authorities we are fit to be cut loose on the world we will go on publishing this paper until further notice, which if we are compelled to give such we will make a satisfactory settlement of all existing contracts. No contracts made for more than ten years as it is doubtful if we shall continue publication after the year A.D. 2000.

We intend to print and circulate 2000 copies of this paper each month. The January number will have an exceptionally large circulation as we intend to send one sample copy to every philatelist in Canada and the United States whose address we can procure. We do not however intend to send many copies to foreign countries, nor do we expect to have anything of a foreign circulation for months to come, so that any collector looking for foreign correspondents would be throwing his money away by advertising in the P. C. just now.

You will perhaps think that we have said almost enough about ourselves, what we are going to do and what we are going to leave undone. But we have our reasons for saying more, one of which is that it is desired that this paper should set out

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clearly and distinctly its aims and aspirations, rules and regulations in its first number so that our philatelic brethren will understand exactly what may be expected from us. We have several other reasons but will content ourselves with one more, which is that this is our first grasp of the editorial quill, we feel like writing and see no reason why we should not. All friends and acquaintances most confidently assured us upon solicitation to give us their advertisements that in starting a stamp paper we were very foolish. Some used the noun instead of the adjective, and others prefixed the noun by very expressive adjectives. If we are going to sink about \$30 a month on this venture without any financial returns surely no one can blame us if we endeavour to "even up" by indulging in a little practise in composition.

But to return to earth again, it is intended to have some of the best philatelic authors of the day, as regular contributors to our columns. We invite all those who can write as well as those who think they can, to send us some MSS. with terms and enclosing stamp for reply, and if you think YOU can write a readable article send us some copy. It does not matter if you have never written anything before, as this may be the beginning of a successful literary career. We are not in need of catalogues, quotations from advance sheets, philatelic novelettes, Rip Van Winkle dreams, or "Looking Backward" forecasts.

A FEW NOTES.

BY A. WOOD B. CRITIC.

It is now mooted in some quarters that an Ontario Philatelic Society is about to be organized. It would almost appear as though some unkind fate were retarding the advance of Philately in Canada. It seems too bad that just at the moment when there is good ground for the belief that a union

of Canada's two national societies will speedily be an accomplished fact, that some ambitious spirits should promulgate the scheme of a Provincial Association. Surely there are but few collectors in Ontario who will fail to see that such an organization offers no further advantages than those now obtainable in either of our national associations. Instead of the philatelists of Canada dividing up into small disordered rabble and clans fighting among themselves like so many school boys, not as to who will be foremost in accomplishing the work to be done, but as to who will be the leader of "de gang," would it not be more seemly if every Canadian was to put his shoulder to the wheel and strain every muscle in navigating the ship of philately safe into port. But as long as men are men quite a large proportion of them will continue to be boys. The only consolation is that these puerile adults are in the minority, and unless their actions are countenanced by gentlemen who should have maturer judgement the efforts to further disunite the philatelists of Canada will result in naught.

I must congratulate The Pritchard Publishing Company of London, on being the means of turning out the neatest philatelic journal which ever honored Canada as its home. Stamp Lore with a nameless editor, but alleged to be owned and controlled by the above named Company is certainly a credit to philately. It bears a strong resemblance both in typographical appearance and in its literary composition to the "Canadian Philatelist" formerly published by Mr. L. M. Staebler.

One of our contemporaries recently announced that a "find" had been made of a number of Canadian pence issues. We do not believe that such is the case and think publishers should be more careful not to allow any unfounded rumors like the above, to have a place in their columns.

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The annual meeting was called to order at 8.30 p.m. by Mr. E. Y. Parker, who was called upon to take the chair in the absence of the President.

Fifteen members were present and eight new members were elected.

Mr. J. H. Shack was present and elected a corresponding member of the Club.

Letters of regrets for being unable to attend the meeting from Dr. Johnson, and Prof. Hebner and Prof. Loudon and Mr. Atkins, were read.

The Philatelic Canadian was appointed official organ for the year.

Mr. Lester suggested that each member interest themselves in bringing new members into the Club.

G. A. Lowe will move at next meeting that the annual dues of all classes of members be placed at \$1.00.

A committee composed of Messrs. Pinkney, Brouse, McMahon, Parker, Lowe, Lester, will meet at 5 o'clock Friday, the 4th at the office of G. A. Lowe, for consultation regarding a plan to put before the Club at the next meeting the best means, for supplying interest for the Club—such as exchanges, auctions, exhibitions of stamps etc.

The election of officers for the coming year was then proceeded with and resulted in the following members being installed as officers.

Sec'y was instructed to write Mr. A. G. Allison, late secretary for report for last year.

It is intended that meetings shall be

held twice a month during the coming year. All collectors residing in Toronto and vicinity should write the secretary for application blanks.

CLUB NOTES.

It is proposed during the coming year to conduct one of the best exchange departments to be found in any society in America. The City of Montreal has a strong and flourishing local society and arrangements are expected to be made whereby exchange relations may be established between the members of the two societies. This will be of immense benefit to corresponding members and it would pay any person desirous of becoming associated with one of the strongest local clubs on this continent to seriously consider the advisability of joining.

Another point which will benefit the general collectors and corresponding members will be the purchase and sale of new issues as soon as they appear. Arrangements are being made to purchase and have on sale as soon as issued the new issues of each country as soon as they can be procured. Every member will see the great benefit to be derived from the above arrangements. This department will be managed by one of the best and foremost members of the society.

The secretary would undoubtedly be pleased to receive suggestions from out of town philatelists regarding any improvements in connection with the society which they think could be made.

AUCTION SALE OF B.N.A. STAMPS.

The undermentioned stamps composing a fine collection of British North America, will be sold by me on January 20th next, send in your bids at once. Bid by the lot. Cards will be sent notifying successful bidders and upon receipt of purchase money stamps will be forwarded. This is a grand opportunity to purchase some splendid Canadian stamps. JOS. P. KENNY, 101 Spadina Ave. Toronto, Canada.

1	1851	3d red laid.....	1	44	15c violet.....	1
2		6d violet laid good margins.....	1	45	1c brown red, watermarked badly cancelled.....	1
3	1852	3d red wove, new og grand copy.....	1	46	2c green, wmkd. fine....	1
4		3d red wove.....	1	47	3c red, wmkd, fine.....	1
5		3d red wove pair.....	2	49	6c brown, wmkd. fine....	1
6		6d purple black wove...	1	50	12½c blue, wmkd, fine....	1
7	1857	½d pink bright color large margins, fine.....	1	51	1870 1c brown red, laid slightly skinned.....	1
8		7½d green, slightly clipped, N.E. corner otherwise fine.....	1	52	3c red, laid.....	1
9		10d blue, large margins bright, color fine.....	1	53	1869 1c yellow, new o.g.....	1
10		6d violet, thick wove clipped at top.....	1	54	1c yellow, used.....	1
11	1858	½d pink ribbed paper, lightly cancelled, good.....	1	55	1875 5c olive green.....	1
12		3d red, ribbed paper.....	1	56	5c olive green, pair.....	2
13		½d pink, perf new o.g. fine	1	57	2c orange, reg. new o.g..	1
14		3d red, perf.....	1	58	2c vermilion, new o.g....	1
15	1859	1c pink, new.....	1	59	8c blue, reg. new o.g....	1
16		1c pink, used.....	1	60	1860 5c red, envelope, cut square.....	1
17		1c pink, pair.....	2		10c brown, envelope cut square.....	1
18		1c pink, block 6 all fine..	6	BRITISH COLUMBIA.		
19		10c violet.....	1	61	1861 2½d pink, used grand copy.....	1
20		10c red lilac.....	1	62	1865 5c rose, new off centre..	1
21		10c violet shades all fine.	10	63	10c blue, used grand copy	1
22		12½c green.....	1	64	1866 3d blue, new.....	1
23		12½c green, block 4.....	4	65	1868 2c brown, used fine.....	1
24		17c blue.....	1	66	5c red, used grand copy..	1
25		2c pink, new o.g.....	1	67	25c orange, used clipped w. side.....	1
26		2c pink, used.....	1	68	50c violet, new o.g.....	1
27		2c pink, used pair fine...	2	NEW BRUNSWICK		
28	1868	½c black, new.....	1	69	1851 3d red, slightly clipped..	1
29		½c black, used.....	1	70	6d yellow, slightly clipped otherwise fine.....	1
30		½c black, block 6 all fine.	6	71	1860 1c brown violet, new o.g.	1
31		1c brown red, new.....	1	72	6 varieties, new o.g.....	6
32		1c brown red, used.....	1	73	1861 5c "Connell" proof no surcharge.....	1
33		1c brown red, pair.....	2	NEWFOUNDLAND.		
34		2c green, new o.g.....	1	74	1857 2d orange, new good copy	1
35		2c green, used.....	1	75	3d green, new.....	1
36		2c green, pair.....	2	76	4d orange, used, clipped.	1
37		3c red, block 4, fine.....	4	77	6d orange, used, clipped.	1
38		6c brown.....	1	78	8d scarlet, new o.g. fine..	1
39		6c brown, pair.....	2	79	1d violet, new.....	1
40		6c brown, strip of 3.....	3	80	5d violet brown, new o.g.	1
41		12½c blue, new.....	1			
42		12½c blue, used.....	1			
43		12½c blue, block 9.....	9			

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81	1863	1d redish brown, new ...	1
82		5d redish brown, new....	1
83		2d lake, new fine.....	1
84		4d lake, new	1
85		6d lake, new	1
86		6½d lake, new o.g. fine ..	1
87		8d lake, new o.g. fine ..	1
88		1sh lake, new o.g. fine ..	1
89	1866	2c green, new.....	1
90		5c brown, used.....	1
91		10c black, used	1
92		12c pale brown, used....	1
93		13c orange, new o.g.	1
94		13c orange, used	1
95		24c blue, new o.g.....	1
96	1867-73	1c lilac, used.....	1
97		1c violet brown, used....	1
98		3c vermilion, used	1
99		3c blue, used.....	1
100		5c black, used.....	1
101		6c rose, new og.....	1
102	1876	1c violet brown, used ...	1
103		2c green, new og.....	1
104		2c green, used.....	1
105		3c blue, used.....	1
106		5c blue, used.....	1
NOVA SCOTIA.			
107	1851	1c red brown, used grand copy	1
108		3d blue, used fine	1
109		3d dark blue, used	1
110		6d yellow green, used slightly stained.....	1
111		6d dark green, used grand copy	1
112	1860	1c black, used.....	1
113		2c mauve, new.....	1
114		5c blue, used	1
115		8½c green, new	1
116		10c red, used.....	1
117		12½c black, new	1
118		12½c black, used.....	1

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119	1865-70	7 varieties, new o.g. fine	7
120	1870	4½d brown, new	1
121	1872	6 varieties new o.g.....	6

WHAT BECOMES OF OLD POSTAGE STAMPS.

A Parisian paper has set itself to discover what becomes of old postage stamps—a question which has vexed the souls of many curious persons on this side of the Atlantic.

It was alleged that they were collected for the defrauding of the revenue,

the post marks being obliterated, and the stamps re-used. Obviously however the small scale upon which such a fraud could be conducted would not account for the millions of used stamps which were known to be collected by the convents. It appears that the convents convert their pupils and their pupil's parents into collectors, and, when a million stamps have been amassed and sorted as to countries and values they are sold to the dealers in foreign stamps, who pay from fourteen pounds to sixteen pounds per million for them. It is calculated that their retail sale and export to other countries leaves the dealer an average profit of eighty-four pounds per million. Philatelists will be interested in knowing, on the authority of our contemporary, that the one-franc stamps of the Republic of 1849 are now so scarce that they command about eight pounds each.

There are a few mean men in the ranks of the collectors in Canada. If they see a premium offered by any dealer they immediately write for his sheets and the premium. The latter they keep. They take three cents worth of stamps off the sheets to pay postage and return the sheets to the dealer with the information that his sheets are no good. Others there are who in making a remittance retain a few cents more than they are justly entitled to. The amount is so small that the dealer does not care to complain but in the course of a year loses quite a large amount in this way. This is a very small way of doing business and we intend to report any petty larceny of this kind for the benefit of our readers.

One of our contemporaries recently announced that a "find" had been made of a number of Canadian pence issues. We do not believe that such is the case and think publishers should be more careful and not allow any unfounded rumors like the above, to have a place in their columns.

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	5c brown, unused	1 25
	10c black, Washington	2 80
1851	10c green	80
	5c brown, very fine centered copy	9 00
1855	5c brown, type II	1 50
	5c red brown, type I	4 50
	10c green	27
	24c lilac, a snap	3 25
1861	24c unused, og	2 50
	10c green	8
	10c green, unused	1 25
	30c orange	40
	90c blue	3 00
	5c brown	25
1862	2c Jackson, unused	40
	5c red brown (chocolate), unused, o	
	g, cat 20 00	12 00
	1c blue, grided	65
	2c black	18
	10c green	50
1869	1c buff	50
	2c horseman	13
	2c horseman, unused	75
	3c blue, unused	70
	6c blue	55
	6c blue, unused	2 25
	10c yellow	70
	15c brown and blue, picture framed	1 35
	24c, fair copy	4 75
	24c, extra fine copy	6 00
	30c, fine	2 75
1870	10c brown, grided	5 00
	Executive Department, 1c "spec men"	2 00
	Agriculture — 1c —	1 00
	State — 2c —	2 50
	Justice — 6c —	7 1
	Post Office — 10c —	1 35
	Interior — 90c —	1 7 1
	*Interior — 10c —	50
	Navy — 30c —	2 00
	10c, Continental print, unused, og	7 0

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	6d bright violet, fine margins	1 50
	6d dark violet	3 50
	8c blue registered, very fine	1 75
	2c vermilion registered (cat 25c)	7
	3c (1868) laid	2 20
1852	3d wove	20
1852	3d unused	2 50
1853	3d ribbed, a bargain	40
1858	3d wove	2 10
	Pair of same, fine	6 00
1858	3d perforated, fine	6 00
	3d	1 90
1859	1c pink (per 10, 60c)	7
	2c pink, unused, og	2 00
	Same, used	75
	10c violet	45

1859	10c red lilac	45
	10c violet, pair	1 10
	12½c green	25
	17c blue	1 05
1868	½c, 3c, 6c, 12 c, 15c, cheap	40
	2c green (per 10, 70c)	8
	1c wink	1 50
1875	5c olive green	45
1890	20c red (unused, 25c)	10
	50c blue (unused, 58c)	19
1881	3c wove envelope	1 00
1860	5c envelope, entire	95
	10c brown, entire	2 50
Nova	Scotia, 3p on cover, fine margins	1 25
	Same, off cover	1 00
	6d, orig cover, fine copy	9 00
	5c blue (per 5, 75c)	17
	10c red	1 40
	12½c black	1 20
	1d red, magnificent copy	6 25
	5c blue, unused, white paper	5 00
Newfoundland,	4d lake, used	3 00
	6d lake, used	3 00
	63d lake, used	8 00
1833	*4d and 6d, the two	1 10
	*6d	2 30
	1d red brown, used	4 00
1866	2c green	60
	10c black	75
	13c orange	75
	1c lilac	1 00
1876	3c blue	50
	1c brown	60
	2c green	60
	5c blue	50
	21c blue, used	40
1889	Different varieties (5)	10
British Columbia,	5c red, used	3 75
	10c blue, used	3 40
	3d used	75
New Brunswick,	2c orange, per 100	1 50
	17c black, per 100	10 00
	same, per 50	6 00
	5c green, per 100	1 10
*Prince Edward Island,	2d	12
	2d used	30
*	3d	12
	3d	50
*	4d	12
	3c r.s., used	1 40

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NATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS DISPLAYED IN POSTAGE STAMPS.

BY I. E. WELDON.

Of 1888, all of Britain's stamps are simple, almost homely, in design and colors. They are indicative of British solidity and substantiability. They, like the dress of the average Britisher, not Anglo-maniacs, represent British character—a quiet, but good apparel, no gaudy blaze of colors and designs. English stamps are like English newspapers, no ostentation, no display, the outside page is covered with advertisements, the reading matter is concealed within. No sensational headlines occupying half a column, followed by a paragraph of three or four lines in description of some every-day event. The intense loyalty to the Queen is also shown in every British stamp. Of course, the English are not without their faults. They have a hobby—it is Loyalty. If Americans are hero worshippers, the British are certainly Sovereign worshippers. The average man could stand to see the stamps of Great Britain adorned, if but for a short time, with the striking countenance of that "grand old man," William E. Gladstone.

Turning from a review of the national characteristics as shown in their postage stamps, of two such great countries as the United States and Great Britain, to some of the South American republics, one could almost be sure from the

gaudy dress in which we find these stamps attired, that the nations were small and insignificant. The shallower brained and more insignificant a man or nation, the more the ostentation and display. It is not necessary for a great man or a great nation to dress flashily in order to occupy a place of distinction in the world. Take the stamps of Costa Rica, Guatamala or Honduras. The colors of their stamps are perfectly striking. They remind us of the be-collared, be-cuffed, be-glassed, be-caned, be-crysanthinumed young dandy, from whose very appearance it is easily discernable there is no depth of character behind all this display. But when one comes to understand the term "Seebecked," and discovers that these nations have fallen so low as to humiliate themselves by trying to increase their finances by a few thousand dollars, by pandering to the tastes of stamp collectors, my contention is proved, and one feels like crying "What else could be expected from so much show?"

Then turn to Chili, a country whose stamps are not of the flaming order. Printed in quiet colors, very much like those of European countries, contrast her stamps with those of Brazil a country which has issued five times as many stamps as her smaller southern neighbor. Brazil is eternally getting out something new in stamps, something entirely new in design and color. There seems to be no order or consistency—now an Emperor, then a President, then some symbolic design adorns her stamps. Upon inquiry, we find that Brazil is a nation of revolutions and

government overthrowings, and for her territorial size and population, holds a very inferior rank amongst nations. There is no stability about the country. With Chili it is different. Although not favored by Providence with anything like the natural resources of Brazil, still constitutional government is well established there. This fact is shown in her postage stamps. Chili makes very few changes in her postal emissions and there is no ostentation or display about them.

Glancing at Germany, we find the character of her people indelibly marked in her stamps. Color and the design—the most monotonous in existence. They do not even bother with having “Kaiser Bill” staring them in the face on every envelope. The heavy phlegmatic character of the German is portrayed in each and every one of her stamps.

For a last illustration take Japan. Her early stamps, printed upon paper so heavy that most of us would hesitate before using it for wall paper, yet there was nothing common-place about their appearance. The paper did not look cheap, it only looked behind the times. Look at Japan's more recent postal emissions, and we will see that she has been making rapid advances in civilization. The “Jap” has been to Europe, and has discovered how to make just as good a stamp out of half the paper.

And so I might go on and enumerate numbers of countries, to all of which this test could be applied. Examine a stamp carefully, and then think of the issuing country, and in the great majority of cases we shall discover numerous traits of character.

THE SPECULATOR AND PHILATELY.

The desire to make money easily and quickly is so universal that it far exceeds in scope and intensity any other passion

which agitates the human breast. Humanity loves money and hates work. Nothing delights man so much as to make money “on a spec.” This desire of ours to prey upon our fellow-men has induced speculation in almost every article of a pecuniary value known to the world. The commonest speculator is, perhaps, the man on ‘change, who buys and sells stocks and grain. But turn where we will we see examples of the nineteenth century spirit for speculation. Even the person of man himself is not inviolate. Both dead and alive, men have been the subject of barter. All the world knows how much speculation there formerly was in slaves; and there now lives, in a large American town, a person who devotes his whole time to visiting the various hospitals in the city and purchasing the dead bodies of unknown people, which he afterwards sells to doctors, students, and medical institutions. No doubt this dealer in corpses goes as much into ecstasies over the purchase of a “sub” who has died of some peculiar disease and which is, consequently, in great demand, as we stamp collectors would upon the “find” of a 12d Canada. Taking into consideration the great prevalence and far reaching effects of this modern inclination to speculation, can we wonder that the Goddess of Philately has been turned into a golden calf, before which kneels many worshippers.

Perhaps, before going any further, I might say that in using the term “philatelic speculator,” I do not include the dealer who buys and sells stamps as a matter of business, but by “speculator” I mean a quasi-collector who keeps buying large quantities of duplicates, hoping to make large profits, as the stamps which he holds rises in value.

It may seem incredible to the uninitiated, but it is undoubtedly a fact, that thousands of the dollars of men who care nothing for philately, and know nothing of collecting, are now

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invested in stamps. I know personally a capitalist of some magnitude, who has about \$4000 invested in very desirable stamps. This gentleman never had a collection in his life, knows very little concerning philately as a science or as a hobby, and does not even know the value of any other stamps, except the ones he is endeavoring to corner. A collecting friend excited his imagination with fairy tales of the rapid advance in value of stamps, and this is the result.

Some of my readers will, perhaps, not understand the *modus-operandi* of what is known as "cornering the market." A person who desires to get a "corner" in any stamp of value must be possessed of means. Let us suppose that I am desirous of "cornering" the market in 17c Canada. These stamps are now catalogued at \$1.50, and can be purchased at about \$1 each. I notify the stamp dealers of the world that I am willing to buy 17c Canada's in quantities, saying that I will pay \$1 each for them. A large number of these stamps will then be offered me. When I have bought all possible at this price, I offer \$1.10 each for any others that may be out. This extra inducement may bring out another large lot. If I again advance my purchase price, and offer \$1.25 each, I would probably get most of these stamps to be had. If, hoping to procure practically all these stamps in existence, I offered \$2 each for them, and did succeed in buying practically all of these stamps in existence, then I would be said to have "cornered" the market in 17c Canada. I can then hold my stock of these stamps, set my price on them—say \$3 each—and not sell any less than this, until at the proper moment I can "unload," making a profit one or two hundred per cent.

Supposing, though, at the time, I had offered \$2 each for the stamps, two or three large holders of these (of whom I was entirely ignorant), had come forward and offered some thousands at \$2,

and I had not enough money to buy all, then the "corner" would be broken. 17c Canada would soon drop to their old value of \$1 each. I would then lose the difference between what I had paid for them and their real value, and if I attempted to sell my enormous stock of these all at once, the market would become glutted, a panic would seize the holders of these stamps, and the probabilities are that before many days had expired, the price of the 17c would be down to 50 cents.

The latter course is exactly the one which was pursued by one unlucky man who tried to corner the market on \$2 Columbians. It is reported that \$200,000 was invested by this gentleman in these stamps. But for some reason or other, probably on account of the insufficiency of the wherewithall, this would-be-millionaire was unable to buy up all of these stamps on the market. The result was disastrous. Two dollar Columbians rapidly fell to face value, and when the speculator attempted to dispose of his large accumulations, the price rapidly dropped below face, until at the present time this stamp, unused, can actually be purchased for \$1.75, and it would appear that there is now such a glut of these stamps that they will come down still lower.

The effect of the collapse of a boom such as the one above referred to, is very disastrous to stamp collecting in general. By the extensive accumulation of copies of any one stamp, a fictitious value is given to that stamp by dealers and collectors, and when the bubble is punctured, prices go down with a crash. Collectors no longer have confidence in stamps—they vie with one another in disposing off their collections. The result is a great diminution in the value of all stamps. Collectors who may have retained their collections become disgusted and cease to buy, and the probabilities are that their albums are laid away never to be re-opened by their once proud owners.

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IN the first number of the "Halifax Philatelic Magazine," which came to hand some days ago, Mr. A. M. Muirhead, one of the editors, gives a history of the Dominion Philatelic Association, which, in some respects is admirable, but in others is just the reverse. In the first place not enough credit is given to the gentleman who really organized and, subsequently, "carried" the Association—Mr. W. S. Weatherston. As a matter of fact, Mr. Weatherston did five times more work for the society than all the rest of the members combined. Mr. Muirhead issued 3 or 4 numbers of the "Canadian Philatelic Magazine," and then suspended publication. The D.P.A. at that time did not amount to a row of pins, and it never would have, had not Mr. Weatherston resumed the publication of the "C.P.M.," and reorganized the society. In the fall of 1894, a stamp society was organized in Canada, known as the International Stamp Exchange, with headquarters at Toronto. This society, shortly after its inception, had upwards of 50 members, and gave great promise of being within a short time one of the largest and most influential on the continent. Mr. R. Geo. Hitchman and Mr. I. E. Weldon, of Toronto, were president and secretary

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respectively. About this time, Mr. W., finding that the publication of his paper occupied too much of his time, decided to sell out, which he accordingly did to the International Stamp Exchange, who had decided to continue the publication of the paper as their organ. From indications then visible, it was apparent that the D.P.A. was a thing of the past, as without Mr. Weatherston or an official organ, the society would, undoubtedly, not have survived a month. About this time, overtures were made by some D.P.A. members to amalgamate that society with the International Stamp Exchange. Mr. Crashley and Mr. Muirhead, two officers of the D.P.A., were the only members of the Association to object to the union. Mr. Crashley was a mere boy, and rightly foresaw that should the union take place, he would likely be supplanted in his position of secretary-treasurer by a more experienced person, and so he objected most strongly to the amalgamation. Perhaps a kindred feeling also animated Brother Muirhead in his opposition to the union. As a matter of fact, this "job" in the shape of a union "with a would-be international society, called the 'International Stamp Exchange,'" to use Mr. Muirhead's words, was the only thing that prevented the death of the D.P.A. a couple of years ago.

THERE is some prospect that a union will be effected between Canada's two national societies, the Canadian Philatelic Association and the Dominion Philatelic Association. If this should come to pass, the CANADIAN will be a candidate for the official organship. We have at all times taken a great interest in both the D.P.A. and the C.P.A., and should the members think this paper worthy of the position to which we aspire, we will make every effort in our power to maintain this paper second to none in the Dominion.

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How dear to my heart is each wee colored label—
These labels so dainty that hang in my book!
How I scan them and fondle as much as I'm able,
And add others to them "by hook or by crook."

For they tell me the story of kings and of queens
That have risen and flourished, and then have decayed;
'Tis told in soft colors—blues, lilacs and greens,
Vermilion, black, orange—in order displayed.

They tell me—dumb visions—of wars that have raged,
Usurpers that rose on the foam of a day,
Then fell, and in history scarcely are pagéd—
Yet they left us their pictures ere passing away.

They tell me of kingdoms as solid as stone,
Of fortunes quite fickle, adventure and fame;
They speak of our progress in color alone,
So I hoarded and cherished each stamp as it came.

I hoard them and gather them—grilled or ungrilled,
Watermarked, woven, ribbled, perf or roulette;
And so I'll proceed till my album is filled,
Or forced to unload to relieve me from debt.

In fond recollection, the moments expended
O'er each little paper, now comes to my mind.
Full many an hour on this book I've attended,
With pleasure and knowledge so fully combin'd

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ADVERTISING.

A man does not have to get his head very far above the sea of mediocrity to command attention. Nine cases in ten, when a man says that advertising does not pay, he has arrived at this conclusion because he has expected the stamp paper to do it all. If he were to neglect his stamps as he neglects his advertising space, he would have still more complaints to make about stamp business in

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An advertisement of stamps or of a stamp paper, is supposed to tell the good points. If it does not, it is very much the same to the reader as if it did not exist.

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The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Toronto Philatelic Club was held on the evening of January 18th, at the Oddfellow's Hall, corner of Yonge and College Sts.

In the absence of the president, the vice-president, Thos. Pinkney, was called upon to fill the chair.

Quite an amount of business was transacted in a very short time, and then the members listened to a very well prepared paper on "A Commemorative Issue of Stamps for Canada" to celebrate the discovery of Canada by Cabot, read by Mr. Geo. A. Lowe. After the reading of the paper, it was decided by the Club members present to memorialize the Dominion government for a new issue of Canada stamps. A committee composed of Messrs. Lowe, Brouse, Pinkney, Parker, McMahon, were elected to draw up a suitable memorial.

Mr. E. Y. Parker, the Purchasing Agent, then laid before the meeting the manner in which it was intended that the department should be conducted during the present year. Members who wished to receive the new issues as soon as they are obtainable, will be required to make a deposit of \$5 with the Purchasing Agent, who will supply the stamps at an advance of 15 per cent over face. All members should take advantage of this, as the stamps could not be imported in small lots at less than 20 per cent. Mr. Parker deserves great credit for his kindness in thus

lending such valuable assistance to the Club.

Upon motion, it was resolved that members of this Club patronize only those Toronto dealers who are members of the Club. This is a move in the right direction, as a dealer who can afford, or who does not take enough interest in stamps for their own sake, to spend a couple of hours every two weeks in social intercourse with his customer, does not deserve to be patronized by those customers.

AMALGAMATION.

Just as we go to press we learn that the D.P.A. convention held in Toronto has not resulted in any definite action being taken regarding amalgamation with the C.P.A.

It was decided to elect a permanent official organ for the D.P.A. All the stamp papers in Canada have been nominated.

The PHILATELIC CANADIAN is a candidate. Will you give us a vote? Send your vote to the Secretary—Mr. A. H. Adams, Whitby, Ont., not later than Feb. 15th. as the poll closes then.

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1852	3d red wove	20
	6d purple black, wove	3 50
1855	10d blue	11 00
1857	$\frac{1}{2}$ d pink	3 00
	$\frac{3}{4}$ d green	18 00
	6d violet, thick wove	3 00
1858	$\frac{1}{2}$ d pink, ribbed paper	8 00
	3d red, ribbed paper	75
	3d red, perf	2 00
1859	1c pink	7
	5c red	3
	10c violet	25
	10c red lilac	35
	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c green	20
	17c blue	1 00
	2c pink	75
1868	$\frac{1}{2}$ c black	12
	1c brown red	12
	2c green	7
	3c red	2
	6c brown	7
	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c blue	25
	15c violet	15
	1c brown-red, watermark	75
	2c green, wmkd fine	1 50
	3c red, wmkd, fine	75
	6c brown, wmkd fine	7 50
	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c blue, wmkd, fine	1 50
1870	1c brown-red, laid	10 00
	3c red, laid	2 00
1869	1c yellow	18
1872	10c rose lilac	3
1875	5c olive green	40
	15c slate	5
1892	20c red	7
	50c blue	20
1875	2c orange registration	2
	2c vermilion	10
	5c yellow green	5
	5c blue green	2
	8c blue	1 75
1860	5c envelope, cut square	75
	10c envelope cut square	2 00

NEW BRUNSWICK.

1851	3d red	2 25
	6d yellow	20 00
1860	1c brown violet	1 50
	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c blue	40
	6 varieties, new	75

NOVA SCOTIA.

1851	1d red brown	6 00
	3d blue	1 00
	6d yellow green, used	7 50
	6d dark green	13 00
1860	1c black, used	30
	2c mauve, used	40
	5c blue, used	20
	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c green, new	1 50
	10c red, used	1 00
	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c black, used	1 00

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ALL UNUSED.

	1d yellow orange	1 25
	2d rose	12
	3d blue	12
	6d green	1 25
	9d lilac	1 25
	4d black	12
	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d brown	1 00
	1c orange	12
	2c blue	18
	3c rose	75
	4c green	15
	6c black	12
	12c mauve	12

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

	3d blue, new	50
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NEWFOUNDLAND.

1857	2d orange, new	6 00
	4d orange, used	8 00
	6d orange, used	8 00
	3d green, new	1 25
	8d scarlet, new	6 00
	1d violet, new	2 00
	5d violet, new	1 00
1863	1d reddish brown, new	2 50
	5d reddish brown, new	1 00
	2d lake, new	8 00
	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d lake, new	2 00
	8d lake, new	2 00
	1sh lake, new	1 50
	5c brown used	4 00
	10c black, used	1 00
	13c orange, new o.g.	1 00
	3c vermilion, used	2 00
	5c black, used	2 50
1867-73	1c lilac, used	1 50

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Cuba, 13 + 1d issues	15
" 17 older, all different from above better grade and fine	40
Hawaii, 18c, lists 1 00	40
Newfoundland, 3c blue, new	12
" 3c brown, new	12
" 6c pink, new	15
New Brunswick 1c lilac	8
" 17c black	17
U S 1894, 1c pale ultramarine, new	5
" 2c pink, new	4
" 5c chocolate, new	20
" Set of (3) mint state, gum... ..	26
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" 8c, no wmk and margin of sheet, new	10
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8 Newfoundland	20
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The kingdom of Denmark is located in Europe, and together with Norway and Sweden is called Scandinavia. It has an area of 13,784 square miles and a population of 2,000,000 inhabitants.

Up to the year 1653, the postal service in Denmark was in bad condition, but in this year King Christian V reformed the mail service in Denmark, and at that time Norway belonged to Denmark, where his son Ulrich Christian was postmaster. King Christian leased the mail service to a man named Paul Klingenberg for the term of 30 years. Under his administration, the Danish postal service improved, and the income was so large that Klingenberg asked for a prolongation of his contract. King Christian, who at that time was at war against Sweden, needed money, and granted the privilege, and received in return a large loan from the postal lessee.

Klingenberg demanded that until the loan be returned, he and his heirs should remain sole postal lessees. But after a service of 32 years, Klingenberg, on account of financial troubles, asked to be relieved from his contract. Therefore King Christian, on March 14th, 1685, installed the young Count Christian Gyldenløve as postal lessee, and the King paid 12,000 reichsthaler (1 reigl — Rigs — thaler equal to 40 cents). The reason for this extraordinary generosity on the part of the King being that Count Christian was a mere boy of 11 years, and lived always abroad. The postal

service was only a present to him. But he (or rather the King) authorized the uncle of the young Count, in company with Andreas von Engelberg and Jens Rosenheim, to conduct the mail service.

Shortly before his death, Count Gyldenløve hired the postal service privilege to postmaster Levete of Copenhagen for 14,000 Rigsdaler per year, but his heirs remained postal lessees.

Postmaster Lerche improved the roads and established more stations in the large territory.

The successor of Count Gyldenløve was his wife, Countess Dorothea, who took postal matters in her own hand. She installed and dismissed postmasters, and postal contracts were made in her name, although she had able and energetic post-directors. Her assistant was Christian Christoph Erland, who had risen by his own efforts from postal clerk to Postmaster-General. Erland received high privileges from Countess Dorothea, who sent him throughout the land to improve the postal roads and stations.

Under Erland's administration, the Danish postal service flourished, and the revenue had increased from 22,000 Rigsdaler (first year) to 28,000 Rigsdaler in the last year of Erland's administration.

Meantime King Frederick IV had surrendered the throne of Denmark, and on September 22nd, 1703, on her application to be recognized, and installed the Countess Dorothea as Royal Danish Postal Lessee. But the larger increase of work and revenues of the postal service was found of such high value that

the Danish Court concluded to bring it directly under the control of the Crown.

Therefore, arrangements were made with postal lessee, Countess Dorothea, who received 12,000 Rigsdaler cash, and an annual pension for herself and children of 4,000 Rigsdaler.

By decree of February 27th, 1712, King Frederick IV of Denmark declared the postal service of all his lands as royal institutions, and reformed the entire service. A relation of the Gyldenseve family, Count Frederick Danneskgeld-Samso, was installed as Royal Post-Director-General for Denmark, Iceland and the Danish West Indian Colonies—St. Thomas, St. John, St. Croix. He built new postal stations, opened and improved the postal roads, mail waggons and the postal force of men and horses.

His successor was a relative with the same name. Under his postal administration Denmark issued its first postage stamps in 1851, and became a member of the Universal Postal Union in 1874, in which year, being a very old man, he resigned his Post-Directorship.

Denmark issued further postage stamps for her colonies, Schleswig-Holstein (at that time a colony), 1850, for Danish West Indies in 1855, for Iceland in 1873.

The kingdom of Denmark also had a post office in the republic and free city of Hamburg (Germany) up to the year 1868, in which year this post office had to close its doors, and in 1866 the Danish office in Schleswig-Holstein had to close—by order of Prussia in both cases. It may possibly happen before long that some more of Denmark's colonial post offices will be supplanted by those of another nation. It has been seriously considered by Uncle Sam to purchase the Danish West Indies for coaling stations for the U.S. Navy.

F. P.

UNITED STATES MATCH AND MEDICINE STAMPS.

This is certainly no threadbare subject. Very little has been said about match and medicine stamps at any time, pro or con. No one has made any great effort to interest collectors in these greatly neglected articles. Nevertheless they have been objects of no little interest in many quarters during all these years. Hundreds are now stored away in private collections awaiting an awakened interest in this unique class of stamps. If there is anything in propitious signs, they will not remain much longer in idle obscurity. The growing interest in revenue stamps will have a marked effect on match and medicine stamps, and we may certainly expect to see them in very great demand ere the dawn of 1900.

That they have been so long neglected heretofore, is due to a lack of information touching these beautiful and unique stamps. The collector of these stamps has not been concerned as to the interest of others for such stamps. He has gone on collecting in his own quiet way, regardless of what their future values might be. He has not wasted time in arguing the case with collectors in other lines of work. He has believed, and rightly too, that match and medicine stamps would one day be in demand. His hopes are even now being realized. The demand for his hoarded specimens increases and can never grow less.

Mr. Kilbon says some excellent and truthful things anent these stamps in a recent editorial. Among other things, he has this to say: "If any very large number of people begin to want the match and medicine stamps, they will go up with great rapidity, because there is no extensive source of supply." This fact is patent when you remember the way in which these stamps were used — on

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bottles, boxes and packages, and these have been destroyed long ago, and the stamps with them. They have not been stored away in old trunks and garrets, as the document stamps. About all the available stock is now in the hands of collectors. Hence it is clear that an increased demand for these stamps which is sure to come sooner or later, means a very remarkable increase in values.

At the present time very many values are obtainable at very low figures. But the advance is sure to come. The wise collector will not put off buying until to-morrow what he can buy to-day.

Match and medicine stamps are beautiful and attractive. No class of stamps are more so. All the novel shapes, colors, sizes and designs are found among these stamps. We have the Humboldt square stamp, the Centaur rectangular, and the strap-hinge, diamond-shaped Jaynes. Don't fail to get a few match and medicine stamps and see how you like them. You will make no mistake in the investment.

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In the first two numbers of this publication, as well as this number, have been somewhat behind time in appearing. There was considerable delay between the time of printing and mailing our first number, the inevitable and necessary result of an application to the Department for second-class mailing rates. So far we have been unable to catch up with Father Time. Our March number will go to press one week from the time this is placed in the hands of our readers, so that all contributors and advertisers will have to let us have matter intended for insertion immediately upon receipt of this number. Immediate attention to this will be of mutual benefit to us.

WE are in need of some good MSS. and would like to receive a few short articles on interesting subjects, with terms for same. Always enclose a stamp for reply, otherwise rejected MSS. will be consigned to the waste-paper basket.

As will be seen in another column, this paper has been appointed official

organ of the Dominion Philatelic Association. The election of an official organ has resulted in the appointment of this paper to that position by a fair majority. Every Canadian collector should be a member of the D.P.A. The society is now in fine running order and it is hoped renewed interest in it by all Canadian collectors will be the result. Application blanks may be obtained from the Secretary, Mr. A. H. Adams, Whitby, Ont., or from the publisher of this paper.

MESSRS I. E. Weldon and Irving E. Patterson are engaged in a war on paper. Mr. Weldon, in a recent number of the Philatelic Era, so Mr. Patterson says, made some unjust criticisms on some of his actions. While we do not wish to enter into this controversy it would hardly be fair to Mr. Weldon did we not say that our editor was on the Credential Committee at the Convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association, held in September last, and that several of the proxies held by Mr. Patterson, were rejected by the Committee on the ground that these proxies had not been signed by the persons whose proxies they purported to be. In several instances, just before the signature, the word "signed" had been written in, followed by the name of the person, written, the Committee thought, by Mr. Patterson, and not by the member whose proxy it pretended to be.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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201. James H. Peckham, Halifax, N.S.
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206. F. W. Hinds, 2 Kent Terrace, Beaconsfield Road, Deal, Kent, Eng.

APPLICATIONS.

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Chas. S. Applegath, 177 Market St., Hamilton, Ont. Refs—W. A. Lydiatt and A. H. Adams.

Alph. Nadeau, 314 Joseph Street, Quebec, Que. Refs—R. G. Widdicombe and Charles Bailey.

Jack Thomson, box 255, Quebec, Que. Refs—C. C. Morency and A. H. Adams.

F. O. Judge, box 1119, Quebec, Que. Refs—C. C. Morency and A. H. Adams.

W. J. Cuthbert, 269 Ellice St., Winnipeg, Manitoba. Refs—W. A. Beatty and L. S. Graham.

T. W. Robinson, 104 Woodard St., Denison, Texas. Refs—A. F. Wicks

and G. W. Moore.

H. Chester, Clifford, Ont. Refs—
I. E. Weldon and Walter McMahon.

The above applicants will be admitted to full membership March 20th, provided no objection is filed with the Secretary prior to that date, then as soon as the annual dues are paid, the society certificate of membership will be mailed.

Mr. Charles Bailey finds that he has not time enough to devote to the Exchange Department, owing to the urgency of other business. We are sorry indeed to lose Mr. Bailey so soon especially as he was getting the department into fine shape.

The result of the election of official organ has been handed over to the President, which you will find in his monthly report.

Again we desire the members to send in their dues. Surely all members desire to make our society a prosperous and powerful one. To make it thus, we must have a full treasury. Send us your aid as soon as possible.

New application blanks are being printed. We believe they are far superior to anything the society has used before. A number will be mailed to each Vice-President, and to anybody else who will notify me. If you can use any to advantage, drop a line to the secretary.

A. H. ADAMS,

WHITHY, ONT.

President's Address.

Fellow Members—

The agitation of some of our members for amalgamation with the Cana-

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dian Philatelic Association had the effect of interrupting the regular work of the society. The question of amalgamation has, whether rightly or wrongly, been settled for the present, and it is hoped that every member will now do their utmost in furthering the interests of the society.

I am pleased to report that the ballot for the appointment of a permanent official organ has resulted in election of the PHILATELIC CANADIAN. I regret that the name of the Philatelic Advocate of Berlin, Ont., should have been omitted in the list of nominations published in the official organ, but under the circumstances I do not think that I would be justified in authorizing the holding of another election. The workings of our society have been interrupted with of late by the submission of questions of one kind or another to the members, and any more interruptions of this kind would have a very baneful result. It will not be long now until the annual convention, when, if necessary, this matter can be considered.

The constitution of the D. P. A. never has been thoroughly revised. In view of this, I have asked Mr. A. M. Muirhead, of Halifax, and the secretary, Mr. A. H. Adams, to confer with me in making whatever amendments may be necessary.

Hoping that I shall have the assistance of every member in furthering our cause, I am,

Yours in Philately,

I. E. WILSON.

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Newfoundland, 5c blue, unused	07
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Canada 2c vermilion, registered	25 6

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PAPERS AND ADS.

Do you notice the constant improvement in philatelic papers? It goes on steadily from year to year. Just think how many 6x9 four page papers there were in the eighties, and how few such papers there have been since the dawn of the nineties. The four page sheet has become a rara avis. "It has outlived its usefulness." We are no longer willing to tolerate anything less than "eight pages and cover," and even the eight page sheet is becoming obsolete. The chances seem all against the "lesser lights," and yet very many of these smaller sheets are very creditable and deserving of patronage. But inexperience and a flat pocket book cannot long stem the tide with more pretentious neighbors. The weaker vessel goes to the wall. The paper that succeeds to-day must meet the demands of the present and keep steady pace with its established and prosperous contemporaries.

While speaking about the improvement in stamp papers, I may add a few words concerning stamp advertisements. There is an improvement along this line also. There is less shooting at random, as was formerly the case. Very many of the stamp advertisements are "studied" and attractive, as they should be in this artistic age. But there is room for improvement. Advertisers will serve their best interests by giving time and thought to the wording and arrangement of every notice, whether large or small. The

advertisement must have snap and novelty, and the more of each, the better. Don't imagine that just any wording will draw, and that most anything will sell. If you tarry long at such conclusions, you will soon find the outgo in the way of cash greater than the income. If you are intending to advertise, and to be your own agent, make advertising a study. Study the wants and demands of the times, and frame your advertisements accordingly, and keep "framing" them month after month. Give something new continually. Variety is the spice of stamp advertising. Above all—keep everlastingly at it, "constant dropping wears away stones."

S. ESTELLE MILLER.

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A HISTORY, INVENTION AND EXTENSION OF THE POSTAL CARD.

The first invention of the postal card is claimed by two men, and although indeed two men participate in the invention, there really is one "de facto" inventor only, which I will narrate for the benefit of the numerous entire postal card collectors.

In Germany, as well as in Austria (and other countries too), the fee for letters varied according to weight, also a certain fee for certain number of miles. Further, the difference in the letter fee and printed matter fee was very large. Now it is proved that in the year 1865, at

the German-Austrian postal conference, held at Carlsruhe (Grand Duchy of Baden Germany), the, at that time Post-director of Prussia, Dr. H. Stephan (also founder of the Universal Postal Union in 1878), at this conference acquainted some post officials with his idea of a medium between letter and printed matter, and also submitted to some of the officials, a written statement about his idea. But nothing came of it, neither "officially" at this postal conference, who, as a body, had no knowledge of it, and neither in Prussia, in which country he had submitted his idea, but it was not accepted. Meantime the North German Confederation was founded (1868), and Dr. Stephan as postal director, neither done, or could do anything in regards to his idea of a so called open card, with writing on same.

In short, nobody thought more of Dr. Stephan's idea, until suddenly in the year 1868, Dr. Emanuel Herrmann, an Austrian government official, submitted to the Austrian postal authorities a written plan regarding a postal card, with all specifications, as price, within Austria-Hungary.

The Austrian authorities had first to confer with their Hungarian postal conferees (although Hungary is dependent politically upon Austria, affairs of both States are separated). After some delay Dr. Hermann was notified that his idea was practical, and accepted.

Now Herrman claims that he had no knowledge at all of Stephan's idea. He was not present at the above related conference at Karlsruhe, and as nothing contrary has been proved, the world must acknowledge Dr. Emanuel Herrmann as "defacto" inventor of the entire postal card.

But justice demands that we give the merit of a similar idea to Dr. H. Stephan. In the year 1868, Austria issued the first postal card—2kr yellow. As soon as

issued the Austrian people liked the invention, and within two months the big government supply was sold. In 1870 followed Belgium, Switzerland and Great Britain; Germany in 1871, and at the present time all countries of the Universal Postal Union issue cards for international purposes. The size of cards must be the same in all countries,

F. P.

INSPECTORS WILL NOT COLLECT.

We publish the following from a Philadelphia paper for the benefit of stamp dealers in Canada, and those in the United States who may not know of the new regulation :

"General Edgerton, post office inspector in charge of the Philadelphia division, comprising the States of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, recently received a ruling from the Post Office Department forbidding the collection, by officers of his department, of sums due to dealers in foreign and domestic postage stamps, from those persons who have ordered stamps for selection, and who fail to return either the stamps not wanted, or to pay for those taken. As it is the practice of those dealing in rare and foreign stamps to advertise for and receive them through the mails, it has been claimed that those who refuse to pay therefor, are guilty of using the mails to further a scheme to defraud, within the meaning of the statute prohibiting such use, but the Attorney-General for the Post Office Department now rules otherwise, and in the future investigations in this line and collections by inspectors will not be made.

This ruling was brought about by the representation of the Philadelphia office that stamp dealers throughout the United States and Canada, have adopted the method, widely advertised, of sending stamps on approval, to any

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person who may apply for them, and in any quantity. No reference is required, no deposit asked for, and no inquiry made as to standing.

The consequence of this loose and unbusinesslike transaction is that quantities of these stamps fall into the hands of unreliable boys, frauds, dead beats, and persons using fictitious names and addresses. It is then sought to make the Division of Post Office Inspectors an agency for the collection of these bad debts, on the ground that the mails have been used to further a scheme to defraud.

The above ruling changes a practice that has prevailed, and was welcome news to the officers in the Philadelphia division, as this class of business has grown up to be an irksome and intolerable nuisance, and was carried on to the neglect of more important public service."

(Continued from Editorial page.)

day of the New Year while it is yet dark, let him repair himself to that portion of the Bay of Fundy which has never been fathomed, and silently consign his efforts to the deep. It will be unnecessary to attach any weight to them—to make them sink—there will be enough mud in them to bear them down a "thousand fathoms deep." By carefully following these instructions it is hardly likely any person will ever discover his mental infirmities.

Mr. Wm. R. Adams has placed on our table a copy of his new Catalogue of Canadian Revenues. What appeals to every collector in connection with the catalogue is the very low prices at which the stamps are listed. Up to the present time Canada revenues have been listed somewhat too high, with the consequence that a feeling of uncertainty prevailed among collectors as to their real value. In the new catalogue, prices have been placed at net cash figures, and it is thought dealers will not be able to allow much,

if any, discount from these figures.

In the future we intend to devote considerable space to newsy notes from different places in Canada. We would like to procure correspondents in Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, Ottawa, London, Hamilton, Winnipeg and Victoria. Any collector in any of these cities who would be willing to send us monthly letters, kindly write for terms. We can also use some good MSS.

COMPLAINT has been made to us of a number of collectors throughout Canada who have been acting in a most contemptible manner in regard to selections sent them on approval. Too cowardly to steal an entire selection, they have resorted to such low methods as substituting for good stamps the veriest trash. Others will remit a few cents short of the actual amount due, while some will send damaged or washed stamps in payment. It is time a stop were put to these small practices and in next number of the CANADIAN we will give a list and short "biography" of those of this character whom we are able to discover. We will also give as complete a list as possible of all the approval sheet frauds in Canada. If this paragraph is marked, it means that you are not square with some of your fellow collectors.'

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IN the two numbers of this paper immediately preceding this, there has been an article on philatelic advertising, the writer using the nom du plume of "Ram's Horn." When the MSS. of this was submitted to us, the writer requested that his name be not mentioned, and as some of the points were expressed in a pungent manner similar to that used in discussing religious matters in the ecclesiastical paper called "Ram's Horn," we accordingly could think of no better nom du plume, and so used that. Several philatelic papers are evidently under the impression that this article was copied from that church paper. We have carefully looked over "Ram's Horn" and we find that it never had an article on advertising during the whole course of its existence. One light and sore-headed youth who essays to conduct a philatelic rag down in Halifax, whose paper stands alone in Canadian philatelic journalism as a distributor of filth and personal abuse, and whom we will not acknowledge by mentioning his name, or the name of

his Police-Gazette magazine, says in reference to this article: "adapted be imagine from a well-known periodical" (wherever he unearthed this specimen of medieval English, or whether he is unable to spell "we" is the thought that is still bothering us, and this gentleman—we have to call him this, as it is customary to reply to the attacks of only such), who, forsooth, fain would be a philatelic politician, and who expresses his idea in this wonder of grammatical construction. "We appreciate the relaxation for the Scott's catalogue Philatelic Era will be laid aside for the pleasures of a red-hot campaign." In his usual uncalled for and bull-in-the-china-shop mode of criticism, says:—"Also a poem (?) entitled 'My Stamps.' The poem in question was a parody written by Mr. W. H. Thurston, the editor of one of the leading newspapers in Central Ontario, a man recognized by the world as an authority on the leading questions of the day, and who knows more about poetry and literature in general, in one minute, than his would-be critic could have pounded into his head, supposing he lived until a dozen eternities after the end of the world, and the instrument used in the inculcating process was a Suez Canal pile driver. If we cared, we might say a good many things about this individual and his ungrammatical, mis-pelled and mis-printed sheet, who is either too stingy to purchase MSS. for his paper or too egotistical to have any other person write therein. In future we shall make no reference to this person whatever, or to his weighty "magazine," upon which he has been unable to induce the postal authorities to grant second-class mailing rates, but in closing would advise him to continue printing his paper if it amuses him and keeps him out of other mischief, until the first day of January, 1898, but to let no person see any of the copies meantime, and on first

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

NEW MEMBERS.

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212. W. J. Cuthbert, 269 Ellice St., Winnipeg, Man.

213. T. W. Robinson, 104 Woodward St., Denison, Texas.

The society membership certificate will be mailed to the above new members on receipt of their dues for 1897 amounting to 25c.

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED.

168. Robert Ashcroft, Jr., Brooklyn, N Y.

APPLICATIONS.

R. P. Rickenbacker, 1213 G St., N. W., Washington, D. C. Refs — Chas. Picans and A. H. Adams.

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John Bisbee, Stoughton, Mass. Refs —B. J. Bishop and L. H. Mutch.

Juan E. Carbonell, Bayarte 22, Palma de Mallorea, Spain. Refs—A. F. Wicks and A. H. Adams.

Alton Rowland, Box 87, Windsor Mills, Que. Refs—Henry Ave and C. E. Holland.

Charles Parr, 271 Buenos Aires, Rosario Sta Fe. Refs—F. D. Sawyer and A. H. Adams.

Sydney T. Dalton, Canadian College of Music, Ottawa, Ont. Refs—Albert Dalton and F. J. Garraty.

Henry A. Chapman, Hartford, Conn. Refs—Fred P. Holt and A. H. Adams.

D. L. Breed, 716 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. Refs—A. F. Wicks and Chas. W. Bennett.

The above applicants will be admitted to full membership April 20, provided no objection be filed with the Secretary prior to that date.

It was my pleasant duty to notify Bro. T. S. Fletcher, of Victoria, B. C., that our President had appointed him Vice-President for British Columbia. It is hoped that Mr. Fletcher will be able to bring in many new members from that Province, which has been so long a blank in our society's history.

Many members, lately, have expressed

their desire of having a small pamphlet prepared which would give a list of the members and officers, and other general society information. The scheme seems good, but it depends on the number of paid-up members we have. Firstly, because only the names of paid-up members will be printed on the list; and secondly, because the treasury must be in good shape to carry out the plan. Would it not be a good way to celebrate the coming Queen's Jubilee? All members interested are requested to communicate their views to the Secretary. Of course you must bear in mind that practical aid is necessary to make this possible, so if you are behind in your dues, send them at once.

If you can use any of the new application blanks to advantage, drop me a line.

A. H. ADAMS,
Secretary.

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President's Address.

Fellow Members—

As several questions of importance have arisen since the last number of the official organ, I take this opportunity of saying a few words to you.

As will be seen in another column we have started an Auction Sale Department in connection with the society. Mr. McMahon has kindly consented to the use of his paper at the very low rate of five cents per lot to advertise the stamps. This is the only charge in connection with the sale of member's lots, with the exception of postage. Several members have already availed themselves of the Auction Department and a number of lots are offered herewith. It is hoped that the members, if they are in need of any of the lots offered, will send in bids. Any member desiring to participate, should send in his lots at once so as to be in time for the next number of the official organ. For the present I will act as Auction Superintendent.

It has been proposed to hold our convention earlier this year than last year. It is probable that it will be held about the first of July. The following places have been mentioned as good locations for holding the convention:

Toronto, Montreal, Niagara Falls, St. Catharines and Halifax. The date and place of meeting will be decided within the next few days, and will appear in the next number of the official organ.

It remains with every member to do his utmost to help the society in obtaining new members, and in general advancing our interests. Any suggestion from my fellow members would be gratefully received and carefully considered.

I. E. WELDON,
157 Gerrard St. E, Toronto.

Librarian's Report.
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Since my last letter, the library has assumed a better shape, and I am pleased to report some progress in this department. One contribution of note was H. L'Estrange Ewen's English catalogue, which lists all the plate numbers, and varieties of British stamps, with chapters on postmarks, etc. This valuable work can be had by members for the postage, 5c, to be returned in 1 week. It will be sent to all paid-up members in the order of their request. The library receives each month the Halifax Philatelic Magazine, Ontario Philatelist, Philatelic Advocate, and American Collector. Once more I would appeal to the members for contributions, and would also ask publishers to send copies of their papers.

A. M. MURHEAD,
Librarian.

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Canada.			
1	3d laid	1	
2	" strip of three	3	
3	3d wove	1	
4	" pair	2	
5	6d wove	1	
6	½d wove	1	
7	7½d green	1	
8	½d ribbed	1	
9	3d "	1	
10	½d perforated, unused	1	
11	3d "	1	
12	1859 1, 5, 10, 12½c	4	
13	10c violet, new	1	
14	17c blue	1	
15	1864 2c pink	1	
16	1859 1 and 5c, ribbed	2	
17	1866 ½c, 1c brown, 1c yellow, 2, 3, 6, 12½, 15c	8	
18	1c brown, 1c yellow, 12½c	3	
19	2c watermarked	1	
20	3c "	1	
21	6c "	1	
22	12½c "	1	
23	15c " small tear	1	
24	1869 1c brown, laid paper	1	
25	3c red "	1	
26	1872 5c olive green	1	
27	1892 20 and 50c	2	
28	8c blue register	1	
29	Officially Sealed	1	
30	5c envelope, cut square	1	
British Columbia.			
31	3d blue	1	
32	5c rose, unused	1	
New Brunswick.			
34	3d red	1	
35	1c brown-violet, unused	1	
36	12½c blue	1	
Newfoundland.			
37	1d violet	1	
38	5d violet brown	1	
39	5d reddish brown	1	
40	4d lake	1	
41	6d lake	1	
42	12c pale brown	1	
43	1c violet, unused	1	
44	Same used	1	
45	2c green	1	
46	3c vermilion	1	
47	5c	1	
48	1c violet rouletted	1	
49	2c green "	1	
50	3c blue "	1	
51	5c blue "	1	
52	24c blue, new	1	
Nova Scotia.			
53	3d blue	1	
54	6d yellow green	1	
55	1c black, unused	1	
56	2c mauve "	1	
57	10c red, used	1	
58	12½c black	1	
United States.			
59	1847 5c brown	1	
60	10c black	1	
61	1851 1 and 3c	1	
62	1855 1, 3, 8c outer line, 10c	4	

63	1861	1, 2, 3, 5, 10c	5
64	1868	1c blue, grill	1
65	1872	7c red	1
66		12c purple	1
67	1869	6c blue	1
68		15c Interior	1
69	War, 9	var, new, o.g.	9
70	1880	1, 2, 3c, grill	3
71		1c black, 60c carmine periodical	2
72	Good second hand copy Scott's 1894 International Album ..		1
73	Copy of Scott's International Album, '94, good as new ...		1
74	Good lot of stamps to put on sheets, cat \$10.		1
75	Another of the same, all good sellers		1

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American Journal of Philately.

Volume VII—2, 8, 10; VIII—1, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; IX—1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 11, 12.

American Philatelist (A.P.A.)

Volume II—2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12; III—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; V—2; VI—7, 11.

Western Philatelist, Chicago, '87-'88.

Volume I and II complete. 17 numbers. I offer for \$2.00. Of odd numbers I have I—7, 9, 10, 11, 10c each.

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